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Irgens-Moller et al, US Patent no. 5,876,099 issued March 2, 1999, discloses an axle hub cover which attaches to lug nuts which retain an oil cover to the distal end of the axle.

Bartylla, US Patent no. 4,470,638 issued September 11, 1984, discloses a device where attaching a hub cap to an axle including an annular attachment member which fits around the circumference of an axle, an adjustable band on the inner portion of the annular member and clips on the outer portion of the member for retaining the cover over an axle.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,358,313 issued October 25, 1994, discloses a wheel liner which is retained by brackets attached to the studs retaining an oil cover to the distal end of an axle so as not to require attachment to the lug nuts retaining the wheel.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,061,014 issued October 29, 1991 discloses a cap for covering the axle of the front wheel of a truck. The cap has a plurality of spaced flanges sized to first between locators for trucks having four, five or six such locators.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,366,279 issued November 22, 1994, discloses an oil hub cover for a truck wheel which is fitted over a foam sleeve.

Polka, US Patent 5,042,881 issued August 27, 1991, discloses a universal wheel liner having first and second cylindrical members which slide telescopically with respect to one another for providing an adjustable depth.

Polka, US Patent 5,630,653 issued May 20, 1997, discloses a method for attaching a wheel cover to the lug nuts which retain a wheel to a wheel hub. An adapter is provided which fits around the lug nut and includes a wedged member which wedges under a portion of the lug nut to retain the member to the lug nut.

Polka, US Patent no. 5,823,635 issued October 20, 1998, discloses a method of attaching a wheel liner to a wheel having hand holes whereby the brackets extend through the hand holes for retaining the liner to the wheel.

Polka, US Patent no. 6,467,852 B1 issued October 22, 2002 discloses a ring that fits around the circumference of the portion of an axle extending through the central opening of a wheel, and a plurality of spring connectors that retain a cover over the end of the hub.


Polka, US Patent no. 6,595,596 B1 issued July 22, 2003, discloses a retainer that retains a cover to a truck wheel and attaches to the threads of the lugs that extend beyond the lug nut.

Polka, US Patent no. 6,378,954 B1 issued April 30, 2002, discloses a device for retaining a cover over the end of an axle including a strap that wraps around the hub and a foam or rubber sleeve that is retained by clips on the strap. The cover is then fitted over the rubber sleeve with the sleeve retaining the cover.

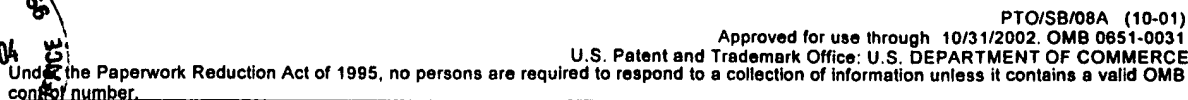
Holbrow, US Patent no. 3,202,460 issued August 24, 1965 discloses a method of retaining a cover to a wheel in which a plate fits over the hub of the wheel. A plate fits over the hub of the wheel and arcuate edges on the plate engage grooves at the distal ends of the retaining nuts.

Wright, US Patent no. 5,645,324, issued July 8, 1997, discloses a device for use with a lug nut of the type having a cylindrical offset at the lower end thereof, the device including a connector plate having a pair of arcuate shaped portions sized to fit around the cylindrical lower end of the lug nut and below the corners thereof. The device of Wright, however, is not rigidly attached to the lug nuts and a wheel cover employing such an attachment may become detached from the tuck wheel during use thereof.

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